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INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
FOR THE ELABORATION OF A CONVENTION TO
COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES
EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR
DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA (INCD)
Fourth session
Geneva, 21-31 March 1994
Agenda item 1

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional Agenda

Note by the Secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

3. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

   (a) Special Voluntary Fund to support the participation of developing countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly the least developed countries

   (b) Trust Fund for the negotiating process

4. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the final session

5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session

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Annotations to the agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Committee, at its third session (New York, 17-28 January 1994), approved the provisional agenda for the fourth session, as contained in decision 3/2 of the Report of the Third Session (A/49/84).

The provisional agenda for the fourth meeting is submitted for adoption.

The Plenary will hear statements from ministerial representatives of INCD Member countries, Heads of UN Agencies and the Chairman of the Committee. After these statements, the Executive Secretary of the INCD Secretariat will introduce the Secretariat documents A/AC.241/15/Rev.1, the revised negotiating text of the Convention, and A/AC.241/19, the negotiating text of the regional implementation annex for Africa.

The provisional work programme (Annex I) provides further details on the organization of work to be undertaken by the Committee. The proposed schedule for the deliberations of the two working groups generally follows the order of the section of document A/AC.241/15/Rev.1. Discussion in Working Group II on the African annex will proceed through the draft articles in document A/AC.241/19.

The Committee might have to consider an additional list/s of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) recommended for accreditation for the negotiating process of the Convention.

2. Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

The Committee will have before it two documents. Document A/AC.241/15/Rev.1 represents the state of negotiations on the Convention at the end of the Committee's third session. At the same session, the Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare the negotiating text of a regional implementation annex for Africa contained in document A/AC.241/19.

3. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

(a) Special Voluntary Fund to support the participation of developing countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly in the least developed countries

(b) Trust Fund for the negotiating process

The Committee will have before it the document (A/AC.241/20) submitted by the Secretariat indicating the present status of the two funds.

4. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the final session

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for its final session.

5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session

The Committee will adopt a report on its fourth session.

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List of Documents for the fourth session of the Committee

A/AC.241/18	Provisional Agenda
A/AC.241/19	Negotiating Text of a Regional Implementation Annex for Africa
A/AC.241/20	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/15/Rev.1	Revised Negotiating Text of The Convention
A/AC.241/9/Add.6	List of Non-Governmental Organizations recommended for accreditation
A/49/84	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, on its third session

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Annex I

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

Date	Working Group I	Working Group II
Monday, 21 March		
AM 10:00	**Plenary**	
PM 15:00	Preamble	Definitions
Tuesday, 22 March		
AM 10:00	Principles, Objectives	Information collection, analysis and exchange / Research and Development
PM 15:00	General Obligations	Technology Transfer
Wednesday, 23 March		
AM 10:00	Action Programmes	Institutions
PM 15:00	Action Programmes	Institutions
Thursday, 24 March		
AM 10:00	Capacity Building & Education and Public Awareness	Procedures and Final Clauses
PM 15:00	Capacity Building & Education and Public Awareness	Regional Implementation Annexes (Article 17) followed by Implementation Annex for Africa
Friday, 25 March		
AM 10:00	Financial Resources and Mechanisms	Implementation Annex for Africa
PM 15:00	Financial Resources and Mechanisms	Implementation Annex for Africa

Date	Working Group I	Working Group II
Monday, 28 March	**Plenary**	
AM 10:00		
PM 15:00	Second Reading (following order of first reading as appropriate)	Implementation Annex for Africa
Tuesday, 29 March		
AM 10:00	Second Reading	Second Reading (following order of first reading as appropriate)
PM 15:00	Second Reading	Second Reading
Wednesday, 30 March		
AM 10:00	Second Reading	Second Reading
PM 15:00	Second Reading and Adoption of Working Group Report	Second Reading and Adoption of Working Group Report
Thursday, 31 March		
AM 10:00		
PM 15:00	**Plenary**	